Manipur, Orissa and Pondicherry. The feasibility of these proposals for approval and release of grants during the current financial year is being assessed.

Adult Education in Punjab

2775. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Adult Education Scheme is being implemented in Punjab;

(b) the amount spent under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of the persons benefited through this scheme, year-wise; and

(d) by when the last report in this regard was received from the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, the following amount was spent during the last three years for implementation of adult education schemes in Punjab:-

2002-2003	Rs. 21.17 lakhs
2003-2004	Rs. 61.75 lakhs
2004-2005	Rs. 121.09 lakhs

(c) and (d) According to the progress report for the Quarter ending March 2005 submitted by the Punjab Government, the number of persons benefited, year-wise, is as under:-

2002-2003	38,099
2003-2004	1,98,753
2004-2005	3,46,513